## BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL, GAS AND MINING DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES STATE OF UTAH

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IN THE MATTER OF THE REQUEST

FOR AGENCY ACTION OF QEP

ENERGY COMPANY FOR APPROVAL

OF UNIT OPERATIONS AND

ENHANCED AND SECONDARY

RECOVERY OPERATIONS IN THE

GREEN RIVER FORMATION WITHIN

ALL OF SECTION 5 AND THE

NOTICE OF HEARING SE1/4SE1/4 OF SECTION 6 IN

TOWNSHIP 8 SOUTH, RANGE 22 EAST,

SLM, UINTAH COUNTY, UTAH, FOR

Docket No. 2011-004 AUTHORITY FOR UNDERGROUND Cause No. 271-01

INJECTION OF WATER, FOR

EXCEPTION TO THE SITING AND

LOCATION REQUIREMENTS FOR

VERTICAL WELLS, AND FOR

CERTIFICATION AS AN ENHANCED

RECOVERY PROJECT FOR PURPOSES

OF SECTION 59-5-102(7) OF THE UTAH

CODE, ANNOTATED.

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THE STATE OF UTAH TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE FOLLOWING MATTER.

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Oil, Gas and Mining ("Board"), State of Utah, will conduct a hearing on WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27, 2011, at 10:00 AM, or as soon thereafter as possible, in the auditorium of the Department of Natural Resources, 1594 West North Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah.

The hearing will be conducted as a formal administrative adjudication in accordance with the rules of the Board as set forth in Utah Administrative Code R641 et seq. as provided for by Utah Code Ann. § 40-6-1 et seg. and Utah Code Ann. § 63G-4-101 through 601.

The purpose of the hearing will be for the Board to receive argument, testimony and evidence regarding the United States Bureau of Land Management's Request for Reconsideration of the Board's February 28, 2011 Order in the above-captioned matter. The Board's February 28, 2011 Order set forth the Board's ruling on a Request for Agency Action that the Board enter an Order:

- 1. Approving the Horse Unit in Uintah County for the Green River formation; and
- 2. Establishing and approving enhanced and secondary recovery operations in the Horse Unit; and
- 3. Approving an agreement for enhanced and secondary recovery; and
- 4. Approving a plan of development and operations for enhanced and secondary recovery; and
- 5. Authorizing underground injection of water in certain reservoir sands of the Green River formation in all of Section 5 and the SE1/4SE1/4 of Section 6 of Township 8 South, Range 22 East, SLM; and
- 6. Granting authority to use wells located in the unit as injection wells; and
- 7. Certifying the Horse Unit as an enhanced recovery project for purposes of the severance tax rate reduction provided by Section 59-5-102(7) of Utah Code Annotated; and
- 8. Suspending the state-wide siting rule to the extent said rule is inconsistent with the Unit; and
- 9. Providing such other relief as may be just and equitable under the circumstances.

Natural persons may appear and represent themselves before the Board. All other representation by parties before the Board will be by attorneys licensed to practice law in the State of Utah, or attorneys licensed to practice law in another jurisdiction which meet the rules of the Utah State Bar for practicing law before the Utah Courts.

Persons interested in this matter may participate pursuant to the procedural rules of the Board. The Request for Agency Action, and any subsequent pleadings, may be inspected at the office of the undersigned.

Pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons requiring auxiliary communicative aids and services to enable them to participate in this hearing should call Julie Ann Carter at (801) 538-5277, at least three working days prior to the hearing date.

# DATED this 6th day of April, 2011.

STATE OF UTAH BOARD OF OIL, GAS AND MINING James T. Jensen, Chairman

/s/Julie Ann Carter Secretary to the Board

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#### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I caused a true and correct copy of the foregoing NOTICE OF HEARING for Docket No. 2011-004, Cause No. 271-01 to be mailed with postage prepaid, this 6th day of April, 2011, to the following:

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#### **CERTIFICATE OF PUBLISHED NOTICE**

I hereby certify that I caused a true and correct copy of the foregoing NOTICE OF HEARING for Docket No. 2011-004, Cause No. 271-01 to be PUBLISHED in the following newspapers on the following days:

#### April 10, 2011:

The Salt Lake Tribune and Deseret Morning News, newspapers of general circulation in Salt Lake City and County.

## April 12, 2011:

<u>Uintah Basin Standard</u>, a newspaper of general circulation in Duchesne and Uintah Counties.

#### April 13, 2011:

<u>Vernal Express</u>, a newspaper of general circulation in Daggett and Uintah Counties.

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